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A well known fact that the first-class Hat, Cap and Ladies' Fur House of Wm. Fleming, No. 139 Wood street, has for years maintained an enviable reputation for the superior quality and fine workmanship of his goods, and last, but not least, for the extreme low prices at which they have been sold. It is only necessary for us to say that Mr. Fleming is now selling off his winter stock at greatly reduced prices, in order to make room for his spring goods, and that in many cases below first cost, to cause quite a rush for bargains.

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AMONG the "Chicago Manufactories" described at length in the papers of that city, is "a Mammoth Distillery" which is pronounced to be the "model establishment of the West," whose "Grand Opening" is recorded as "an event long to be remembered." No doubt of it.

FREAKS OF A CRUET STAND.—The spiritualists and others in London inclined toward the marvellous, are much excited over a story apparently well authenticated, which is reported from Ireland. It was that a large old fashioned cruet stand, weighing six pounds, which had been laid by for some time, was restored to its accustomed place on the sideboard. The family being located in the parlor, a crash was heard, and on looking around they saw that the cruet stand had, in some unaccountable way, tumbled off the sideboard, and was lying on the floor with the bottles scattered around it. As there was no other apparent solution for such a strange occurrence, it was attributed to the awkwardness of the servant, and he was desired to place it far back upon the sideboard to prevent a recurrence of the accident. The family proceeded with their dinner, and in about a quarter of an hour they were again startled by a crash, and there lay the pasteboard cruet stand on the floor, with the bottles around it. The servant declared he had not been near it, but the master of the house was satisfied it impossible for any one else to have knocked it off, and the servant was sent away. Some time after, the family having retired to the drawing-room, there was heard for the third time another crash, and upon going to the kitchen they were surprised to find the cruet stand standing upright on the floor, with the bottles in a circle, as if so many lumps in a game had been round it. The thing, to them, was altogether inexplicable, but, replacing it once more upon the sideboard, watch it, when it was observed to move slowly, at the rate of about an inch in a minute, and the master's harmonious family, in a state of alarm, fell into a cloth which had been spread out to catch it.

SOME FACTS ABOUT SAN FRANCISCO.—From a directory of this city, published a few days since, I learn that San Francisco contains a population of 119,000, of which 3,000 are Chinese, and 24,000 negroes. Since the great fire of 1851, the past year 1,972 buildings, of which 320 are brick. The total amount of the assessable property is estimated at $88,266,457. The city has been growing rapidly, says the compiler, and many new and elegant private residences have been erected. I fancy, however, that the city is not improving as fast as it was before the Washoe bubble exploded and overwhelmed so many of our people with financial ruin. Many of those silver nabobs, who made fortunes out of Washoe, have since seen their money bags take wings and fly away, and watched their spendid houses here sold under the sheriff's hammer. Only a few days since one of our heaviest and shrewdest stock brokers, Wm. M. Lent, failed for a large amount through depreciation of the Alpha mine. He owned largely in the mine, having bought at about $2,000 per share. It tumbled down to less than $500 per share in a few days, and "up the flume" went Mr. Lent.

Washington Topics and Gossip.

THE SUFRAGE BILL.

The opposition members of Congress are extremely busy circulating the story that the President has said in private conversation that he will veto the suffrage bill if it passes the Senate as it did the House. The statement is utterly unworthy of belief, for Mr. Johnson has been too long in public life to commit himself to such a blunder as that would be, in advance of the passage of a bill his purpose to veto it. If he entertains such a purpose he will reserve his opinions upon the subject till the proper time arrives. The Republican members do not believe that he will interpose a veto upon a purely legislative question which certainly does not involve a constitutional interpretation.

In a very recent conversation upon the President reiterated his old statement of opinion—that were he an elector in Tennessee, he should, if he had the opportunity, vote for qualified negro suffrage. He also added, that if he were Governor of Tennessee, and a bill were to pass which he knew to be exceedingly unpopular—one establishing absolute equality of suffrage, for instance—he might consider it his duty to veto it. The Senate will pass the District of Columbia Suffrage bill. Any other course now is impossible. In the House, however, the votes of the Republicans to absolute, impartial suffrage, and the Senate will accept the issue thus forced upon it.

THE SITUATION.

The Senate is evidently not disposed to precipitate a crisis by forcing through the Universal suffrage bill for the District of Columbia, as passed by the House. There is no immediate haste, as it will be some time before there will be an election here, and meanwhile President Johnson may become convinced that it will be wise to attempt no further interference with events, and to sign the bill, which may be somewhat modified and amended.

This does not please the radical representatives, who triumphed over their more conservative colleagues when the suffrage bill for the District was passed in the House, and who hoped to follow its enactment by bills establishing universal suffrage in every seceded State, at every State, County or Municipal election, until that State should again be represented in Congress. They do not fancy the conservatism of the Senate.

THE NEW AMENDMENT.

Very serious objections are being made in the House to the proposed constitutional amendment. It is claimed by Mr. Jenckes, of Rhode Island, that it would hold out a strong inducement to the Southern States to return to the old aristocratic plan of property qualification. This amendment excludes Indians not taxed from counted as a basis of representation only when a distinction of race or color is made in the right of female citizens amends her Constitution by striking out the word "white," and providing that no person shall vote by reason of possessing white or black land, the result will be that her entire population would be counted. Yet but very few negroes would vote. Both California and Oregon members are a little concerned respecting the Chinese population of those States.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mrs. Senator Trumbull and Mrs. Secretary Harlan each had a very agreeable "reception" last night, and one of the leading foreign ministers was quite enthusiastic over the display of female beauty at the drawing-rooms of the Senator from Illinois.

Another wedding is talked of, which, if true, will add another American lady to the brilliant galaxy that have illustrated the social sky by our diplomatic visitors to grace their courts.

The New York detectives on Thursday arrested Albert Beach and William Golden, two young men formerly in the employ of the New York and Erie Railroad Company, on the charge of having committed a succession of robberies on the trains of that railroad, amounting in all to over ten thousand dollars. A large amount of the stolen property had been sold to citizens of Port Jervis, Orange county, New York, which was seized and is now held for identification.

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HARRISBURG.

Allegheny Valley Railroad Bill Favorably Reported.

IMPORTANT ACT RELATIVE TO UNSEATED LANDS.

Porter University Act Passed Finally

LIQUOR LICENSE IN PITTSBURGH AND VICINITY.

Important Local Legislation.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Commercial.

HARRISBURG, January 25.

SENATE.—Mr. Ridgeway, from the Committee on Corporations, reported as committed, the act incorporating the Artisans' Insurance Company of Pittsburgh.

Mr. Graham, from the Committee on Railroads, as committed, an act authorizing the Allegheny Valley Railroad to borrow money, and fixing the number of Directors at seven.

Mr. Randall, from the same, as committed, supplement to the act incorporating the Farmers' Railroad of Venango county.

Bills in Place—Mr. Hoge, an act to establish a ferry over the Allegheny river at Miller farm, in Venango county.

Mr. Schall, an act relative to unseated lands of the Commonwealth, imposing an additional fee for calculations, &c., on unpatented lands, and empowering county surveyors to take acknowledgments of deeds, affidavits, &c.

The bill to increase tolls on the Pittsburgh and Washington Turnpike Company passed finally.

The resolution instructing our Senators in Congress to vote for the bill granting suffrage to colored men in the District of Columbia, was postponed until next Wednesday, and made the special order.

The act incorporating the Porter University of Tarentum, was called up by Mr. Graham, and passed finally.

Also, the act to authorize the School Directors of Neville township to levy a tax for bounty purposes. Passed finally.

Adjourned until Monday evening next.

HOUSE.—Mr. Adair, from the Committee on Roads, to build a bridge at Reno.

Mr. Glass, from the Committee on Railroads, to incorporate the Short Line Railroad.

Bills in place—Mr. Mechling, to prevent selling liquor in Leechburg.

Mr. Negley, to grade the streets of Butler.

Mr. Sturdevant, to incorporate the Titusville Water Pipe Company.

Mr. McGeary, to extend the act of July 22, 1864, relative to the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad Company to the Pittsburgh and Erie Railroad Company.

Mr. McKinly, to establish the offices of the Lawrence Railroad in Pittsburgh.

Mr. McKee, an act relative to licenses in the cities of Pittsburgh and Allegheny, and the boroughs of Manchester and Birmingham.

Adjourned.

FROM EUROPE.

Arrival of the Hibernia.

THE INSURRECTION IN SPAIN.

Late Commercial Intelligence.

PHILADELPHIA, January 25.—The steamer Hibernian, from Europe, with news up to January 11th, via Londonderry on the 12th, has arrived.

The Damascus, from Portland, arrived out on the 10th. The American, from New York, arrived out on the 11th. The Cuba, from Boston, arrived out on the 12th.

It was reported that the Spanish insurgents, under General Prim, had defeated the Government column under General Concha, but the official dispatches represent the insurgents to be discouraged and retreating. The latest official report no change in the situation.

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LIVERPOOL, January 11.—Cotton opened at a decline of from 1d to 1½d, but closed firmer at a decline, however, of ⅛d.

Breadstuffs firmer. Provisions steady. Consols for money, 89¼@89¾; five-twenties, 64¾@65; Erie shares, 39@41; Illinois Central, 75¾@76.

LONDON MONEY MARKET.—Funds were dull, but consols were pretty steady. Discount unchanged.

LIVERPOOL, January 12.—The cotton brokers' circular reports sales of the week 50,000 bales, of which 5,700 for speculation and 11,000 to exporters. The market opened very dull and declined 1@1⅛d, but subsequently partially recovered from this depression, closing firmer at a decline, however, of ⅛@¼d. American. The authorized quotations are: Fair Orleans, 12¼d; middling, 11¾d; fair Mobile, 12¼d; middling, 11¾d; fair uplands, 12¼d; middling, 11¾d. Sales today, 10,000, estimated at 5,000 bales, for speculation and export. Stock in port estimated at 391,000 bales, of which 247,000 are American. Breadstuffs firmer. Provisions steady.

The Female Emigrants to Washington Territory.

NEW YORK, January 25.—The *Herald's* Fortress Monroe special says the Continental put in at Norfolk on the evening of the 23d, on account of rough weather. The young lady emigrants produce quite a sensation in Norfolk. Though some of them have lost their emigration enthusiasm, most of them are impatient to reach their home on the Pacific.

From San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 25.—The decision by the supreme Court of Nevada, against the specific Contract law, has been reaffirmed.

General Steele, successor of the late General Wright, in command of the Columbia Department, arrived at Sacramento, yesterday.

The steamer Pacific, from Portland, has arrived, bringing $419,709 in treasure.

There is a decided improvement in mining stocks. Hale Norcross, $55; Yellow Jacket, $90; Gould & Curry, $85; Lamperal, $117½; Legal Tenders, 70¾.

THE NEW DIOCESE.

VENITE, EXULTEMUS DOMINO.

Consecration of Bishop Kerfoot.

Imposing Ceremonies—Trinity Church Crowded to its Utmost Capacity—Bishops and Presbyters Present—Sermon by Bishop Coxe—Consecration Service, etc., etc., etc.

The ceremonies of consecration of the Reverend John Barrett Kerfoot D. D., President of Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., as Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, were held yesterday in Trinity (P. E.) Church, Rev. C. E. Swope A. M., Rector, on Sixth, between Wood and Smithfield streets.

Bishop Kerfoot has been a prominent educator for a long period, and has risen to his present eminent position in the church by his ability, high education and eminent piety. He is still in the prime of life, and at the same time is one of the most respected men among his brethren for the qualifications we have already accorded him. The friends of education in the church, no less than those by whom he was surrounded in the college, cherish a warm regard for him as a worthy christian gentleman, ripe scholar, and capable preacher.

ST. PAUL'S DAY.

The twenty-fifth day of January was appropriate for the solemn consecration services to be performed. It was the festival of the Apostle Paul's conversion, who subsequently became the Bishop of Ephesus's, a church which numbered among its faithful ones, Aequilla and Prisca, the household of Onesiphorus and Tychicus. Bishop Kerfoot, it has not been said, has been called to labor in a missionary field, like the great hearted apostle before him, but he has now officially assumed the responsibilities of his high office, and we hope he will prove himself a useful, God-fearing prelate. We have accorded to him the qualities of an excellent teacher,—let us hope that in his executive capacity, he will be equally successful.

THE ATTENDANCE.

The bare announcement that for the first time in the "Iron City" a Bishop was to be consecrated to the Episcopate, in the sublime ceremonial of the Protestant Episcopal Church, awakened at the outset a wide-spread feeling of anxiety to witness the impressive service, which increased as the time for its consummation drew near. The storm on Wednesday night betokened an unfavorable day, but, notwithstanding, all who had made up their minds to be present on this rare occasion, were very prompt at the entrance to the church doors. In view of the limited character of the accommodations, a very large number presented themselves for admission at least one hour and a half before the appointed time, so that by half-past ten o'clock in the morning, the little church was crowded to overflowing. Every seat in the body of the church, with the exception of a few reserved in the center aisle for the clergy, as well as both galleries were filled to repletion with interested spectators, while the aisles and lobbies swarmed with people. Those who had taken the precaution to arrive in good season, and had procured good seats, were comparatively comfortable, but those who were so unfortunate as to arrive late, were obliged to content themselves wherever they could by standing or getting standing room. Even with this inconvenience, many were able to obtain admission into the church, and were obliged to forego the pleasure of witnessing the ceremonies. The choir occupied the chancel, and were not provided, having the *cantoris* at one end, and the *decani* at the other end of the church. Both parts completed the choir assembly.

THE INTERIOR OF THE CHURCH.

Everybody who has been inside of Trinity church knows that it is almost utterly without ornamentation. Its exterior affords the passing stranger but little sight, but on entering on this occasion, it presented a grand and imposing appearance. Though there is no lofty gothic ceiling, nor heavily carved architraves, nor frescoes, nor elaborately moulded pillars, such as are to be seen now-a-days in most of the modern churches, still did the quaint old church wear an unusual, but very pleasing appearance full of impressiveness. The interior was dressed in the colors appropriate for the day in the recent natal day of the Saviour. With this exception there was no special decoration, except at the chancel, where the altar, with its sacramental font, the pulpit, the eucharist table, etc., were heavily laden with rare exotics, which filled the church with a delicious fragrance.

THE MUSIC.

As usual on such an occasion, the music formed one of the chief features of the service, and we doubt if a finer male choir was ever heard west of Philadelphia than that which we listened to yesterday. It was conducted with marked ability by Professor Edmund A. Mattson, formerly of the Boston Episcopal Churches, and one of the principal teachers of Music. The superior touch of this gentleman was apparent to the lovers of fine organ music, and in his playing he was assisted by Mr. Bird, a reporter no change in the situation.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

THE OIL INTEREST.

What is it our opinion, some time since, that the oil interest had "touched bottom," and that it would thereafter grow in stability, credit and profitableness. Satisfactory data confirm us in the correctness of our opinion. In speaking of the oil interest, we make no reference to the hundreds of fictitious companies which were organized during the exciting era that culminated about one year ago. We have solely to companies and enterprises based on much or reality as was possible in the case, backed by an honest intent, and to the numerous enterprises which exhibit a grain of reality, all else being fictitious and of doubtful intent, but which have cast aside all but the reality, and, small as that is, are now operating on it. Even these have a future; and persons interested therein have a right to indulge the hope that at some day they may stand high on the list of paying companies. We believe the fact is, that the oil interest is now in the hands of real men, with sufficient means, and the requisite energy, which will be employed legitimately in developing the internal riches of the oil district. The day of inflation is almost wholly over, and is not likely to return again. The business necessarily will continue to have its extraordinary features. Wells, like those belonging to the United States Company, whose daily yield, a short time ago, was announced by the thousand, but now by the hundred barrels, will appear and disappear with a mystery not once wonderful and impressive in a variety of ways. But the main feature in the future is to be medium wells, by which we mean, wells with a yield of from twenty-five to one hundred barrels,—the least of which, even, is a great fortune to the lucky owner. Thousands of such wells are being developed and worked with an aggregate daily flow, in the Venango District, of about ten thousand barrels.

We hear of preparations for putting down, in early Spring, wells in large numbers, by men of means and energy; but we hear little of the wild speculation of a year ago. Convinced that the oil interest is a grand reality, men of substance have quietly but liberally put their means into it. Its future is in their hands. While it is a fact that an immense amount of fiction and, perhaps, dishonesty attended the early history of Petroleum, it is nevertheless true that the interest, as the theatrical people say, has been "an immense success," and we have every reason to believe that it will continue to grow from the present stage of infancy to one of the greatest of our country, giving employment and remunerative return to labor and capital, in the immediate development, in railroads, in commerce, in manufactures.

THE TERRIBLE TRAVELER.

When the cholera first indicated a tendency to migration westward, Europe and America turned their eyes eastward, to watch with profound interest its progress toward them. Its advances were noticed, as it crossed the Bosphorus and moved up the Mediterranean, with a thousand fold more concern than the Russians felt on the approach of the great army of NAPOLEON to their borders and capital. When, at last, the question whether the broad Atlantic would prove a barrier was settled by the landing and enthronement of the horrid potentate in Quebec, a thrill of terror passed through the whole land. And the mysterious monster traveled, in many instances, faster than the news of its being in America spread, in those days of slow movement.

We have had other visits of this itinerating disease, sweeping off many of our citizens at each return. We are looking for it again. But the expectation does not disturb that serene indifference to all sanitary preparations, which is in striking contrast to the earnest and general activity that immediately followed the first apprehension of danger from the dreaded disease. There is not, it is true, an absolute certainty that the desolating scourge will sweep over our cities and consign thousands of our citizens to the cemeteries. But there is room for the strongest presumption that the epidemic will be upon us, and that at no remote period of the year. The cholera is a migratory disease. It travels with travelers. It stops or pauses in winter, because they stop, or move in diminished numbers. It has been traced, in its terrible progress, along water courses, from sea-port to sea-port, and from one river town to another. Hence it has been deemed to have a preference for humid localities. It might as well be ascribed to the fact that the travel in oriental countries is chiefly by water, and in our own country was so too at the former visitations of the cholera. Hence the disease moves forward along great water thoroughfares from the seaboard. Besides, travelers by water are usually longer in vessels, with accumulated filth and bad air, which are conditions highly favorable to the propagation of the fatal malady. We may consider it to be on its way hither, and with the tide of travel, in the spring, it will probably make its appearance.

Are we prepared for it? Are we even preparing? The same causes that originate the disease, operating in diminished intensity are most favorable to its spread. Filth, foul exhalations, bad air are supporters of cholera. We make no quarrel with coal dust in a sanitary discussion. We have a friendly feeling for it rather, as associated with the industry, enterprise and thrift of the city. But we see nothing but pestilence and death in the horrid accumulations of a winter's offal and filth lying at the back doors, in narrow and unventilated alleys. One day's vernal sunshine would draw up into the air, which every one must breathe, enough of noxious exhalation to impregnate the whole city with the seeds of disease. Almost every one in fact, is conscious of a change of feeling as soon as the clear frosty weather gives way to a thaw. Severe frost is a first rate sanitary agent while it lasts. But it is only by holding fast the miasma, not by removing its cause. When the thaw comes, the noxious elements mingle in the air, enter the lungs and circulation, and produce those debilitating and depressing consequences which are so often complained of on the changes of the weather from dry and cold to warm and damp.

Much of the preparation for cholera, in the way of removing filth, filling up pools and sinks, and cleaning out yards, cellars and alleys, could be effected with less danger during the cold weather, than when the warm weather shall have forwarded the putrefaction. The public authorities should add their influence to private prudence, that the city may be put in good condition for the opening of the spring, and the arrival of the dreaded traveler.

VIGILANCE COMMITTEES.

The anomalous and illegal institution known, hitherto at a distance, by the name of vigilance committee, has had a brief existence we learn, in what we call, from our familiarity with it, our own neighborhood—a neighborhood in which we feel the most friendly interest. When the Vigilance Committee of California was in operation, our private judgment came as near as possible to an approval of its organization and action as a criminal court. The country was newly settled, civil institutions had scarcely got into operation, and had certainly not acquired strength sufficient for the government of such an enormous mass of rough and heterogenous people as had gathered together from the ends of the earth. Summary and more terrible measures, than the law admitted of, seemed necessary for the suppression of crimes which threatened the very existence of society. The organic agencies of government being found, for the time, inadequate, the constituent elements of government had some show of right in taking the matter into their own immediate hands, and bringing the rampant wickedness into a position where it could be restrained and punished by the ordinary applications of law.

But in Pennsylvania, we can hardly imagine that any lo ality is so abandoned to crime, that the ordinary process of law and judicial proceeding are not sufficient to protect the community and to punish offenders. A combination of law abiding citizens, to secure these ends by these means, is altogether right; and we cannot but think it would be altogether sufficient, even in the worst localities in our commonwealth. Where crimes abound, as they appear to have done lately in the oil regions, there is usually a combination among those who commit them, and individuals attempting to bring them to justice may fail or may fall victims to their revenge. In such cases, concerted action is laudable and proper, on the side of law and justice and with a direct design of bringing the guilty parties to punishment. And in such cases, concerted action, through the processes of law, would generally be successful. The best Vigilance Committee is a prompt, competent and impartial court.

CORRUPT RAILROAD LEGISLATION.

The report of the Senate Committee of the Pennsylvania Legislature, appointed to investigate alleged corruption in the passage of a bill having reference to the consolidation of a railroad in this State, last winter, establishes the fact that such corruption was attempted in the Senate.

The object of the bill sought to be passed by corrupt means, was to authorize the execution of a mortgage upon the Atlantic and Great Western Railroad, for the security of its creditors. A similar bill had been passed by the Legislatures of Ohio and New York, the road passing into and through those States. The bill seemed to be of vital importance to the creditors of the Company, and was of itself unobjectionable and just. It had been passed in the House of Representatives, and would have passed the Senate but for the announcement by Senator HOPKINS, of Washington, and Senator BEARDSLEE, of Wayne, that they had reason to believe that $25,000 had been brought to Harrisburg to be improperly used in procuring its passage. Its consideration was arrested, and the Committee of Investigation appointed, the result of whose labors is now before the Senate. On hearing of the action of the Senate, the parties who had received the money from Mr. JACKSON, the railroad Company's agent, immediately proceeded to gather it up and refund it. On learning this, and considering the pressing demands of innocent parties, the Senate took up and passed the bill, thus making it a law.

Without going into the details of the case, as developed by the evidence, which was of a conflicting character, the result of the investigation may be summed up thus:—That $20,000 were sent to Harrisburg to "pay necessary expenses" in getting the bill in question through; that the money was procured from the agents of Mr. JAMES MCHENRY, a large creditor of the Atlantic and Great Western Railroad; that ALBERT R. SCHOFIELD, of Philadelphia, ex-member of the Legislature, was instrumental in inducing the agents of Mr. MCHENRY to believe that the employment of money was necessary in procuring legislation at Harrisburg, and that at least $25,000 of the money was placed in his hands; that upon the exposure in the Senate the money was returned; that the additional $5,000 were retained by GEORGE NORTHROP, and subsequently divided among Messrs. NORTHROP, WITTE, and SCHOFIELD; that the Atlantic and Great Western Railroad Company, as such, was not responsible for any part of the transaction, nor does any blame attach to their company, and that none of the money was paid to or received by any member or officer of either branch of the Legislature or of the Government.

The conclusion reached by the committee is as follows:

Your committee have reason to believe that Mr. ALBERT R. Schofield, Mr. William H. Witte, and Mr. George Northrop were "of one mind" in this matter, and that they combined to extort $20,000 from Mr. Tatlow Jackson by false and mischievous representations, and that after a pretended officiousness around this Capitol in aid of his bill, to which no one was opposed, they intended to divide the money between them; that they never intended to pay any part of it to any member of either House of the Legislature; that they did so appropriate to themselves $5,000; and that but for the exposures in the Senate and the appointment of this committee, the balance of the money, to wit, twenty-five thousand dollars, would have been likewise retained and divided among them.

The foregoing development is a strong argument in favor of a General Railroad Law, the passage of which would obviate hereafter even attempts at corruption or bribery, so far as railroad enactments are concerned.

ANOTHER CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

After such great changes in the country, some alterations in the organic law, to conform to the new conditions, must be necessary. Perhaps the tendency may be to make too many amendments. But the strict scrutiny brought into requisition, in the process through which they pass to their final adoption, will be likely to prevent any but wise and necessary ones from reaching that destination.

The radical subject of interest in a pure and popular government is that of right of suffrage. The changes produced by the war must affect this subject materially. Hence several propositions of amendment to the Constitution have been made. The latest is reported to be in the hands of the Select Committee on Reconstruction, and is expected to be shortly presented to the House. The substance of it is, that "Congress shall have power to make all laws necessary and proper to secure to all citizens of the United States, in every State, the same political rights and privileges." This differs essentially from previous propositions that have been made. Those assigned the office of legislation to the States, under certain restrictions and conditions. It is plain to be seen, that by such a method, very great variety would be likely to ensue, among the States, and it may be that the amendment above noticed is only designed to secure, by controlling Congressional legislation, what is certainly desirable, both uniformity and equality in the law of suffrage among the States. In this proposition, however, as presented above, the legislation that is to secure equal rights of suffrage in all the States is that of Congress directly bearing on the result. If this be the correct understanding of the amendment, then it implies the concession that Congress has not now the power to legislate to that end. Yet, the admitted right of Congress to make uniform naturalization laws would seem to carry the right to make the laws of suffrage uniform, so far, at least, as it may be exercised in relation to the General Government.

This amendment would supercede the former one proposed by the same committee. And being so different in its character and coming so soon after the other was proposed, and while unexpected opposition from the Republican side stayed its progress in the House, we are justified in the belief that it was intended to overlie the former one, which would have left the suffrage question to the decision of the several States. We cannot but feel flattered by this coincidence between what seems to be an after thought of the committee and our own utterances on the subject. And we hope it may also be taken of an indication of an agreement on a safe and wise proposition, among our friends at Washington who are honestly aiming at the same end—the safety, honor and happiness of the country.

SKATING BENEFIT—POSTPONEMENT TILL TO-NIGHT.

The skating benefit for the poor, on the Central Park, which was to have taken place last evening, the weather being unfavorable, was postponed till this evening, when it is expected everything will be in the best of order. Should fortune favor, we hope we may have it to record that Central Skating Park was not large enough to accommodate all who came to enjoy an hour in healthful recreation, and at the same time to contribute to relieve the necessities of the poor. Let there be a carnival indeed, one that will make glad the heart and kindle a fire on the hearth of many a poverty-stricken widow.

HARD ON TITUSVILLE.—The New York *Tribune* is hard on Titusville. Alluding to the alleged intention of the vigilance committee to "rid the place of *all* incendiaries, robbers and other scoundrels," it remarks that, "if they do, we are safe in predicting a very considerable decrease in population and decline of house rent at Titusville."

NEW JERSEY may be said to be fully in the Union again, both houses of her Legislature having ratified the Anti-Slavery Constitutional Amendment. If the State would now emancipate herself from the slavery of Camden and Amboy, she would have a touch of the blessings of Freedom in her own experience.

VERY LIKELY.—A London letter by the last steamer says: "An impression has gained ground that the shipments of manufactured goods to New York have lately been of a reckless description, and that credits have been granted to many firms on your side who do not occupy a position to justify it."

THE SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' LEAGUE.—Maj. Gen. BENJAMIN F. BUTLER, in his speech before the Soldiers' and Sailors' National League, in the House of Representatives, Washington, Tuesday night, favored the increase of soldiers' bounties, but rather opposed the increase of the public debt to pay them. There was a fund out of which these bounties could be paid, and that was the public lands. He remarked that if it was objected that the public domain was not large enough, his answer would be, "Cross the Potomac; commence at Arlington and measure Southward." The sailors got all they captured, and why should the rule not apply to soldiers, at least to the extent of a few acres of the soil over which he had marched and fought so long?

COULD NOT STAND IT.—The Pittsburgh *Dispatch*, which a few weeks ago enlarged its size, quietly went back to its old size yesterday.

THE RAILROAD QUESTION.

Letter from General George W. Cass.

To the Editor of the Commercial:

The resolutions of the Board of Trade, passed at a recent meeting, and the letter of the 27th November last, addressed to Governor Tod, published in your issue of the 24th instant, and signed by, or rather with the names appended of the business men and firms of this city, (I presume that no one has the credulity to believe that twenty persons ever read the letter until published by you,) are of so extraordinary a character, that I shall require your permission to vindicate the claims of this city and locality as a proper seat for manufactures, unless some one else shall undertake the task.

The resolution and letter to which I refer, unequivocally say to capitalists and manufacturers that Pittsburgh is without avenues to market—keep away from here. That is a libel on this city, which I propose to expose and show to the world (or that portion interested) that no other manufacturing point has such facilities as are now enjoyed by this, and that suggest as they are, they are being increased without *begging*, like mendicants, to other people to help us.

PITTSBURGH, January 25, 1866. G. W. CASS.

Secretary Welles's Report in England.

The London *Times*, commenting on the Report of the Secretary of our Navy, takes exceptions to the severe strictures upon the action of Englishmen in reference to blockade-running, and wishes to let by-gones be by-gones. It says:

Probably Mr. WELLES, on due inquiry, would find that New York as well as Liverpool had dealings with Charleston and Wilmington, but the difference is that the New York merchants were aiding the enemies of their country, whereas the Liverpool merchants were only carrying on a somewhat hazardous branch of legitimate commerce.

It is impossible not to admire the elasticity of national character which was rapidly absorbs into peaceful industry the immense resources so rapidly called into existence by the demands of war. Secretary WELLES has some right to boast that, although at the beginning of the war the whole American navy mustered but 7,000 men, it numbered above 50,000 at the close, beside artisans and workmen in dockyards.

The *Times* regrets that some English naval officer had not been sent to report on the operations, instead of leaving our Admirals to report for themselves.

New Railway Freight Tariff.

The following is the new tariff of railway freights from Chicago:

	Dressed Hogs.	Fourth class.	Flour.
Boston	$1 70	85c	$1 70
New York	1 60	80	1 60
Philadelphia	1 60	75	1 60
Baltimore	1 60	75	1 60
Buffalo	85	42½	85
Cleveland	60	30	60
Cincinnati	45	25	50
Pittsburgh	90	45	90
Detroit	50	25	50
Providence, R. I	1 70	85	1 70
Worcester, Mass	1 70	85	1 70

A CURIOUS STORY OF ROMAN POLITICS.—Last winter a number of Italian revolutionists sold in Rome, at a very low price, a quantity of steel watch chains, to the end of which was attached a small globe. When their work was got rid of they explained that each chain was a symbol of the enslaved condition in which Rome and Venice were at that moment, and that the steel ball typified one of Orsini's bombs. Several young Romans, who had been taken in quite unawares to purchase and wear these steel ornaments, determined to have their revenge, and ordered a number of watch chains to be made after the design of the chains supposed to have been worn by Saint Peter, and which are preserved in the Mamertine Prison, one of the Roman churches. His Holiness not only approved of this idea, but suggested that the watch hook be copied from those which Peter wore. They had an immense success, were eagerly bought up, and fetched high prices. Nothing enhanced by the Pope's permission that each chain might be laid for a moment on the original, preserved, as it is, in a church, in the Forum Basilisk, the result of which has been a number of miracles effected by these new ornaments. Not only have the holy water in pendegnes been sold in all parts of Italy, but also in Paris, Berlin and London, the pendegnes thereby realized are to be devoted to the erection of a monument which the youth of Rome want to raise in honor of the apostle Peter's chains, and which they hope to inaugurate on the eighteenth centenary of Saint Peter's martyrdom, which will take place next 29th of June. The steel copies are, it appears, to be purchased at two deputs in Paris, for which I presume only all faithful sons of the church to apply are the stock be exhausted; one is in the Rue St. Sulpice and the second in the Rue Grenelle Saint Germain.

TRAIN ON FREE TRADE.—George Francis Train delivered a lecture in Chicago, on Free Trade and Protection, a few evening's since. In the course of his argument he used the following illustration: To show the absurdity of this whole free trade idea, I will speak for Nebraska, and am now a resident of Omaha, Nebraska, and I am working to open the Platte and Republican Valleys speedily. Wait a little, the Loup Fork and the Maple creek. Now, I say, let a farmer have a thousand sheep on the splendid pasturages there. I kill one sheep, wool, put it on board of the Pacific railroad, take it to Liverpool, bring back cotton, exchange, to New York, where it is shipped on an English vessel, probably to Liverpool, whence it goes thirty miles to Manchester, from there they send it to Leeds and Bradford. Here it is manufactured, baled, and sent back to Nebraska. Under this system I can sell every sheep has been waiting twelve months for coat, and wants a new one. In all time sheep men are to-night recommending you to do. Do you recognize the picture?"

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MEDICAL AND SURGICAL HISTORY OF THE WAR.—Surgeon General Barnes of the United States army has issued a book for the information of medical officers of the army, preliminary to the publication of the great work upon the medical and surgical history of the late war. It is circular No. 5 from his office, and reports the extent and nature of the materials available for the preparation of such a history. The circular contains some very interesting information, and is illustrated with numerous cuts. By it we learn that the history of 13,397 amputations from gunshot wounds have been examined and recorded, and final results in 9,759 cases ascertained. Of the latter 4,667 were amputations of the upper extremities, and 5,092 of the lower; of the former 4,010 recovered and 657 died, and of the latter 3,349 recovered and 1,743 died.

The amputations in which final results are known were as follows: Upper extremities—fingers and parts of hands, 1,778 recovered, 29 died; wrist, 34 recovered, 2 died; elbow, 19 recovered; fore-arm, 601 recovered, 91 died; arm, 1,535 recovered, 414 died; shoulder joint, 144 recovered, 98 died. Lower extremities—thigh, 598 recovered, 1,029 died; leg, 1,737 recovered, 611 died; toes, 284 recovered, 6 died; partial amputation of foot, 198 recovered, 11 died; ankle joint, 58 recovered, 9 died; knee joint, 52 recovered, 64 died; hip joint, 3 recovered, 18 died.

The deaths from disease alone during the first year of the war, ending 30th June, 1862, were 38.7 per cent. in each 1,000; and 65.2 for the second year. The deaths from disease the first year were 14,183.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?—The *Citizen*, (edited by private Miles O'Riley,) has an article laudatory of the Fenians, and urging Irishmen and Americans to contribute to the Fenian funds. We quote a single ominous passage:

We tell the Americans plainly—and they have heretofore found us pretty accurate prophets in everything relative to the Fenian cause—*that before ten weeks there will be a numbered one Irish Republic existing on the face of the earth*, with a flag, an army, a port of entry and exit, a navy of privateers, and the infinite ingenuity of Yankeedom to back it. Then will the Stars and Stripes be floated in the presence of the assembled fleets of England, and the Union Jack will be cooped down in the cabin. Let no one ask us for the present where this Republic will be located, for we cannot answer. It must be called a Republic, to warrant the flag and fleet, but will really only be used as an immediate basis of operations for the transfer of active hostilities to the Canadian and Irish soils. A word to the wise is enough. And, now, while the quid unnes grow excited, the wise will await developments, giving liberally of their means to aid the cause; nor will they have to large hope for the fulfilment of all that we herein foreshadow.

THE COLORED MEN OF GEORGIA IN COUNCIL.—A dispatch to the Cincinnati *Gazette*, dated Atlanta, January 21st, says: At the colored convention at Augusta, there were about one hundred delegates from various parts of the state. Gen. Tillson, of the Freedmen's Bureau, was present. Governor, of Kansas, sent a message. Resolutions were adopted opposing universal suffrage, but favoring the voting of such colored men as can read and write well, with the addition of the proper qualifications; that all vices and crimes among freedmen should be discountenanced; that the Freedmen's Bureau should compel negroes to work, and make contracts; that they should vote voluntarily; that Southern property should not be confiscated; and condemning Thaddeus Stevens's dogma that the Southern States are practically territories.

Meetings are to be held in each county to advise the blacks to cultivate sobriety and industry; to entertain kind feelings toward their former masters; to make no political demands, their mission being the idea that they will be allowed to vote or get lands except by paying for them.

MAXIMILIAN.—As an example of the general impression of the instability of Maximilian's throne, the comments of the *European Times* on the false report of an insurrection against the Empire, is interesting and significant. It disbelieves the report, but says:

Still, in a country in the position of Mexico, it would be unwise to shut our eyes and ears to the possibility of such an event. Now the position of an Austrian Archduke forced on the people by French bayonets, and the very fact of French troops returning from Europe to prop up his throne after having left Mexico in the belief that the object of their journey had been achieved.

It is perfectly well known that the return of Maximilian to Vienna has long been expected. It must come to this some day, even if the present statement should prove to be untrue, for the attitude taken by the American Government toward the new Mexican empire is fatal to its permanent stability.

PROGRESS.

Outlines of an Address Before the Students of Mt. Union College, by J. W. F. White, Esq., of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Special Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Commercial.

ALLIANCE, O., January 20, 1866.

A large and appreciative audience having assembled on the evening of the 11th inst., in the commodious hall of the College, Mr. White was introduced and spoke with remarkable force of thought, clearness of diction and impressiveness of manner, enlisting the candid attention of all, while discussing the following topics:

"Order is God's first Law." If Alexander Pope had said *Progress is God's first Law*, he would have come nearer the truth. In every department of the Universe, each successive act in creation and government, exhibits more of the Divine magnificence, and also develops a higher order and better state. As gravity holds all matter together, so the law of Progress connects God's moral laws. Science, with revelation and history, illustrates the law of Progress in the spiritual kingdom, and this law in turn is illustrated in the development of the sciences.

The history, facts and teachings of Astronomy, Chemistry, Geology, Mineralogy, Botany and Zoology, epitomize the law of progress in the natural kingdom. The speaker at this point adduced a number of scientific facts touching the age of the earth, and the successive periods and species in its creation; stated that it took the light of some stars a million of years to travel to our earth; that probably not a part, but the whole were created instantaneously or the physical universe would be deranged; inferred that our solar system sustains the same relation to other systems that our earth does to our solar system; that the seven days of creation, in accordance with the Bible, were long periods, and that each of these periods was dominant for a long time; that infidels, as in Darwin's theory, ascribe to natural laws the emerging of one species from another; that the adherents of this theory, from Buffon down to the author of "Vestiges of Ages," say that circumstances develope all things; that the monkey progresses and thus becomes a man, and that the oyster makes the monkey, &c.

The speaker then adduced facts to prove the Bible account correct, and referred to the fact that Prof. Agassiz has demonstrated that each of the five classes of animals is perfect in itself, even in its embryo state. The first type of the individual species indicates the potential of all that class; each creation being perfect in itself. God never repeats himself in the same species. When he created a succeeding species, it shows a higher order; the progress is marked by new developments, and in successive species. Thus man stands last, and at the head of all terrestrial objects. What man could learn by research was left for man's efforts; what not, was matter of revelation. Had man remained in Eden holy, he would have progressed rapidly; now he earns his knowledge and moral growth by sweat, as he does his daily bread. His first fashionable dress was fig-leaves; his second, untanned skins. His implements of husbandry and warfare were of the rudest kind; his dwellings were often mud huts and caves. The age of iron exhibits man's low condition. Thirty-two centuries after the creation, learning was meager, and the cities small. Canaan was not so large as Ohio. Carthage, Tyre and Sidon had but little commerce or wealth; boats were small and rowed by oars near the shore; no railroads and manufacturing works, no use of their arts, sciences, palaces and temples were few and insignificant. At the coming of Christ, sculpture, painting and oratory had been cultivated, but only in Greece; the great part of the globe was mantly in darkness, and the populace were slaves. Their sciences were false, not because they first assumed a rigid theory, and then made facts subservient to false theories, instead of developing a theory upon a proper classification of facts.

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Cicero and Seneca stand at the head of the moralists of antiquity—the former held as justifiable whatever promotes personal interest, and Seneca whatever promotes self; both were advocates of suicide when it best suits selfish ends. The Bible presents the only infallible rule of moral faith and practice. The successive revelations of the Bible, presented the moral code and civil precepts in kinds and degrees adapted to man's changing conditions. Whatever God does is right, and whatever is right is demanded by the circumstances. It should not be deemed irreverent to inquire wherefore hath God done this? For over two thousand years no man of knowledge that God had an organized church. The Babylon contingent were only skeptical, and prophets were morning stars heralding the coming day; and John the Baptist, as twilight, "Behold" was nowhere prohibited in the Old Testament. The giving of Hagar to Abram was spoken of as a matter of common occurrence; and Jacob's having two wives at once is not now tolerated by civilized people; slavery has been abolished, and yet scientific facts touching the age of the earth, and the successive periods and species in its creation; stated that it took the light of some stars a million of years to travel to our earth; that probably not a part, but the whole were created instantaneously or the physical universe would be deranged; inferred that our solar system sustains the same relation to other systems that our earth does to our solar system; that the seven days of creation, in accordance with the Bible, were long periods, and that each of these periods was dominant for a long time; that infidels, as in Darwin's theory, ascribe to natural laws the emerging of one species from another; that the adherents of this theory, from Buffon down to the author of "Vestiges of Ages," say that circumstances develope all things; that the monkey progresses and thus becomes a man, and that the oyster makes the monkey, &c.

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PROGRESS SINCE THE DAYS OF CHRIST.

After hearing all of Christ's instructions, and seeing all his miracles, His disciples did not even expect His resurrection. It took a miracle to convince Peter to preach to the Gentiles. Many of the christian churches observed Mosaic forms. The disciples frequently differed in opinion. The apostasy caused the church to grow up by the acts of the Apostles. Many books besides the scriptures, were reckoned canonical, prior to the council of Nice, which, in fact, Romish and Presbyters disputed furiously until the Nicene Council, distinguished by Vossius and others raised a storm of passion in the churches. Bitter disputations and permanent hostility between even sincere and honest christians. Christianity has emerged from every conflict with error and sin, and is purer, stronger and more glorious than ever before. The final supremacy of the Pope saved the church from its arrogance of Rome. During the dark ages the monasteries saved the christian church. The downfall of Empires was necessary to the destruction of their wickedness. Rome was wedded to paganism, and hence was destroyed. Christianity must not only triumph, but must *extend* to the ends of the earth. The fall of Rome preserved christianity; and the Reformation by Luther and others, preserved it from the heresies of Popery, and inaugurated the Protestant religion, the glory of Christendom. The church of England in the Eighth and the Pope separated England from Catholicism. The late slaveholders' war in our own country has a salutary effect upon the church at large has always been advancing, but the present age, in this respect, far surpasses marks an epoch of progress; and like our rising country, the Church to-day is stronger, more united and liberal than ever before. Christianity is purer that at any other period. The Scriptures were inspired with more precision. The gospel, put it on board of the Pacific railroad, take it to China, Japan, Burmah, Siam, Hindostan, change, to New York, where it is shipped on an English vessel, probably to Liverpool, whence it goes thirty miles to Manchester, from there they send it to Leeds and Bradford. Here it is manufactured, baled, and sent back to Nebraska. Under this system I can sell every sheep has been waiting twelve months for coat, and wants a new one. In all time sheep men are to-night recommending you to do. Do you recognize the picture?"

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PERSONAL.

—Lieut. Col. Reed, who led the colored filibusters in the attack on Bagdad, on the Rio Grande, was formerly a resident of Fort Wayne, and served creditably in the Twelfth Indiana, as Captain of Company G.

—The Duke of Augustenburg a year ago imagined he had a principality, and bought certain "state carriages." The action of Prussia after the Holstein war convinced the Duke that he had no use for his gigs, and now they are to be sold at auction in Paris. From a throne to an auction room seems to be an easy step. We would not mind seeing the whole royal trumpery of Europe, big gigs and all, put up at auction.

—During the debate in the House of Representatives, the proceedings were heightened by the ludicrous pow and then, the most appreciative one being a sally from Mr. Garfield. Mr. Baker, of Illinois, having the floor, had yielded to one of his colleagues. Desiring to resume, Mr. Baker said—his manner and voice exceedingly theatrical—"I cannot ask this proceeding is likely to turn out something like the play of Hamlet, with *Hamlet*, left out." "Why, therefore, let Hamlet walk in," quickly put in Gen. Garfield. A general roar of laughter was the response from all parts of the House.

—Queen Victoria has just presented to her little grandson, Prince Albert Victor, a statuette of the late Prince Consort (to all others living and dead she seems to have herself died). The statuette is 3 feet 2½ inches in height, and represents Prince Albert as Christian in the Pilgrim's Progress. Around the pillion on which the figure stands is the verse: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith, I immediately beneath the pillion, and in front of the embankure of the pedestal is the inscription: "Given to Albert Victor Christian Edward, on the occasion of his baptism, by Victoria R., his grandmother and godmother." In the corner of a book, the revered grandfather is in the panel below, and over the royal Arms is the verse:

My rose of Love with tears I laid in earth,
My Lily Purity, hath rooted to Heaven;
But faith still lives, and sees in this new birth
How both shall meet in Christian Love and Truth.

There are two more verses on other panels of a similar nature. The Queen wrote the inscription herself, and the verses are by Dean Alford, wife of the Rector of Whippingham, whose ministrations her Majesty attends when staying at Osborne.

—The Washington correspondent of the New Bedford *Mercury* thus describes Gen. Grant as he appears on the streets of the capital: Gen. Grant rides in a one-horse buggy just like any other man. I saw him on F street, Saturday. The top of his buggy was turned down, and he sat in the carriage alone, smoking a cigar, of course, with as little concern as if assassins were never known. He is quite a horse-jockey and doesn't allow any team to pass him on the road—if he can help it. Think of Wellington or Napoleon, or our own General Scott, even appearing on the streets in a buggy, and driving his own horse! And yet Gen. Grant has commanded larger forces and fought more battles and captured more cannon than either of them.

—Col. Parker, the Chief of the Seneca Indians, who is on Gen. Grant's staff, and who has been employed as engineer upon some of the most important public works in the country, studied law about twenty years ago, but was excluded from the bar for want of facilities for study.

—Senior Bishop Morris of the M. E. Church is lying very ill at Xenia, with paralysis.

—It is represented that many of those persons who left San Francisco to live in Mexico, about a year ago, when Dr. Gwin's prospects seemed bright, are returning to California. Several families came up on the last steamer. They say it is no place for Americans to live. The country is rather poor being in a settled condition that it was twelve months since. Sonora is completely being ravaged and plundered by Juarez's guerrillas.

—A Paris butcher has obtained authority to open a shop for the sale of horse flesh on the condition that he will construct a special slaughter house for the horse, the flesh of which is to be sold as food. The slaughter house will be placed under the superintendence of an inspector specially appointed for that purpose. The opening of the shop is to be celebrated by a grand popular banquet, at which horse meat will form the principal ingredient of the dishes.

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THE BONE MAN OF HOSTONIC.

In a village beside the great west river of the church of Hostonic, in Vermonia, about fifty years ago, a gaunt skeleton, dressed still in shreds of the dress and the hands folded as though in prayer, was standing before a grave in the lonely burial ground of a wide family once residing in the neighborhood but now waiting.

The strange attitude of the skeleton fixed the idea in the popular mind that the Bone Man stood without consulting his own reason, who lay in the vault below. Several times was the skeleton removed from its niche, and buried under a stone slab in the churchyard, but on the following morning those who came to early mass saw the grave open, and the dirt folded back, and behind the sacred building stood as before, the bone man with drooping head and folded hands, at the vault door. And well might he be thought in judgment, for God to stand thus, year by year, before the tomb; for long ago he had been a lawless knight, fearing not God nor man in his pride, and he had came in his wandering to Hostonic.

Here he had seen the beautiful maid, the only daughter of an aristocratic family, and he walked up the path leading to the church door.

And now there was a feeble glimmer in the east; and the new moon peeped above the horizon, and she shuddered as she stepped into the shadow of a nunnery. Two watch grew in the churchyard.

She turned the handle of the door, and the latch flew up with a bang, which was echoed through the vaults and aisles of the church. A feeble rosy glow from the lamp burning before the Blessed Sacrament gleamed on the altar; but a white moonbeam through a low window fell across the west wall, bringing out the small and folded hands as frosted silver, in strong relief against the sheety gloom over the recess which stood the Bone Man of Hostonic. As the frightened girl looked on the skeleton, it seemed to her as though the bone man in vault moved in prayer, and as though a blue flame flickered in the eye cavities.

The girl summoned up all her courage, grasped the skeleton, flung it upon her back, and ran through the churchyard, passed the gate, flew with her rattling load across the market place, dashed into the tavern, cast the Bone Man on the table, and sinking on a bench burst into a flood of tears.

A silence fell upon those in the room; all looked with astonishment at the heap of bones, and then with astonishment at the girl. Even the three brothers perched from the skeleton as it was flung before them; the courage of the maid amazed them; they had reckoned on her turning back at the churchyard gate, and had calculated on joking her on the failure of her courage.

But the eldest, staggering to his feet, said, "I tell you all the lass has well earned her money. She shall have it, and sit down by us and have a drop of something to warm her, too."

In the meantime the girl had somewhat recovered herself, and was installed to the table to give an account of her expedition. But she still pale with fear, only replied to their questions with—

"God saved me from anything very terrible; but as I carried the skeleton it seemed to me as though some one were following. Not for any money would I do it again."

"But what is to be done with the Bone Man?" asked one of the brothers; "he cannot remain here, and I dare not take him back."

"Nor I," said the second.

"And I'm quite sure," hiccoughed the third, "that I couldn't walk so far."

"The skeleton must go back, that is positive," said the first; "we shall get into trouble if it is found."

Then let her who brought it take it back," thundered out the second with an oath.

The maid, shuddering at the thought of having to make the horrible expedition again, exclaimed, "That was not part of our agreement. You've kept my portion of the contract, and you have said yourself that I have earned the money.

"So you have, my girl; so you have undoubtedly," said the fellow; "but hang it! we don't want a skeleton lying among our glasses, and under our very noses, whilst we are making merry. I'd take it myself to its proper place, were my legs steady enough and my conscience clear. We will give you more money, if you will replace the Bone Man in his old position in Hostonic Church."

"Oh, sir!" gasped the maid; "I cannot!—indeed I cannot! I never would tempt God like this again for the love of gold."

"For shame, you," quoth the host, "not a grosshen shall you get from any of us if you do as we bid you; but this will I promise—I have no children of my own, and I will pay for the education of your little babe when it is old enough to go to school, and I call these comrades here to witness that the last shall not be unremembered in my will."

The maid looked with trembling at the hideous object which sprawled across the table. Her breast heaved; she folded her hands in prayer and closed her eyes. The struggle of her feelings, and the battle of conflicting passions, were clearly traceable on her countenance. Suddenly her face became calm.

"As you wish," she said resolutely; "it is God's will. Sorry be the sin, and you will have to answer for it."

As she spoke she lifted the clickering frame of bones, and slung it on her back. Firmly grasping her load, she went forth into the night, and once ventured to look behind.

Would you know the cause of the girl's courage? Asshe had prayed, an idea shot into her head as she was packing the skeleton, and she dedicate her child to the church; she took the thought as a revelation of Divine will, and vowed if there and then to offer her child anew to God, if he would protect her on her expedition.

She traversed the village of Hostonic with her clattering burden, and began to ascend the hill, scarcely hearing the rattle made by the bones, for she had become used to the sound; every thought as she neared the graveyard, the weight of her load became greater and greater, and oblivion bowed her down. This she did not perceive at first, as her senses were in a whirl of confusion, but at the lych gate it became so evident that she was filled with overwhelming horror. In crossing the churchyard she sank recently to her knees, prostrated beneath the load that seemed to weigh a hundred weight. It was with a desperate effort that she scrambled into the church, reached the niche, and strived to shake off her awful burden. With unspeakable horror she found that this was now beyond her power, for the fingers had interlaced upon her bosom, and the arms held her as in a vice.

Voice, like the moaning of the wind through distant trees, rushed into her ear, and a chill breath stirred over her cheek.

"I will not let thee go until thou swearest to obtain pardon for me from her below. Descend into the vault and pray for me."

Every hair on the poor girl's head stiffened, and a cold sweat broke out upon her brow. She shrieked as a lead in the wind, and was unable to articulate a word in reply.

"Will thou do my will?" asked the voice, and the maid felt the bands tighten; their grasp and heard the creaking of the bone fingers against each other.

"Will," gasped she in her deadly fear. The fingers fell apart with a click, and the burden slipped from her shoulders. She turned and looked at the skeleton. A dim and phantom life seemed to animate its countence; there was an expression of a miserable eagerness in the fleshless face, and a shiver of anxiety vibrating through the bony limbs. The jaw stirred, and in the same strange voice spoke the skeleton girl's ear.

"Lift the stone from the vault door, and go down the steps. You will find at the bottom a woman in black, sitting in her coffin, by lamplight reading a book. Plead with her for pardon. Till she pardons me, I can find no forgiveness with God."

The maid obeyed. She lifted the slab from its place by the iron ring which was riveted into it, it rested between and disclosed a steep flight of stone steps.

With swimming brain the girl descended into the vault. At the further end burned a dim flame. A soft, cool air breathed over her cheek. As she reached the lowest step she looked around. The vault was high, with groined roof supported by huge columns of Romanesque pillars. A feeble glimmer irradiated it. On all sides were stone coffins with sepulchral bearings sculptured upon them. On some lay withered wreaths of flowers, and on many rolled swords or helmets. The light by which all this was rendered visible proceeded from the small saucer-like flame of a lamp suspended in the centre of the small over a sarcophagus. There, draped in black in her stone coffin, with her pale face supported on her white hand, lay a crowned with a garland of faded roses, sat a woman reading out of a large book which lay open on her lap. The figure had appended to it the vaulted steps and bent her knee before her. Not a model in the solemn reading figure. The white face was at rest, and the shadowed eyes lifted from the pages of the book.

With quivering voice the girl sought forgiveness for the dead Man. But the woman in the coffin seemed to be unconscious of a living being before her. More earnestly pleaded the girl, her heart beating, and a deep anxiety to obtain the knight's release filling her companion's mind. She called to mind a reminiscence her old love for the knight, the great sorrow which he had endured for so many years, standing deprived of rest before her tomb.

The reading woman shook her head without raising her eyes.

With heavy heart the girl surveyed her stepdespairing of obtaining anything from the lady in the vault. At the top of the stair stood the Bone Man, bathed in pure moonlight, an expression of agonizing expression of expectation on his face, every bone clickering with emotion.

"And I forgive you!"

"She has not forgiven you," answered the girl in a scarcely audible voice.

"Back, back into that vault, and plead till you have obtained my pardon."

The maid would have spoken, but the skeleton raised his hand and pointed peremptorily towards the vault, and the girl felt constrained to obey. Four new steps entered, and she felt the warm blood flow into her cheeks as evenly as though she were at home rocking the baby.

Again she knelt to the woman in black, and prayed with fervor for the Bone Man. She pleaded by the hopes of salvation the mercy of God, the Redeemer's wounds; the tears fell on the sepulchre floor; she wrung her hands, and sobs broke the thread of her prayer; still the pale woman remained unmoved, still she read in the great book without raising her eyes to the weeping petitioner before her, and only at intervals shook her head. An hour passed thus; the girl clasped the rim of the sarcophagus, and writhed in the vehemence of her supplication on the pavement. There was no change in the pallid woman, save that the wealth about her temples had shed its withered leaves, and had broken into tiny, fresh buds.

Faint and weary, despairing of success, the poor girl again retraced her steps to the upper world. The skeleton was at the top, leaning forward in breathless eagerness, and grey fear spread over its ghastly face. "Has she forgiven me?"

The girl sadly shook her head.

"Back again," moaned the strange voice; "would thou I were doomed to pain for ever? If you cannot procure my release I am lost forever. Quick! midnight is long past, and all must be decided before cock-crow."

The trembling, bony hands were wrung in bitterness of distress.

Once more she descended. The same scene was re-enacted. Again she supplicated, and again, for all answer she obtained was the shake of the pale woman's head. The girl had pleaded by the memory of revolving sacred and had failed; she seemed to have nothing left by which to plead; but with her hand on the floor in the exhaustion of her hope, she sought in prayer for the knight in the name of her own little new-born babe.

At the word the great book was closed, the pale woman looked up, and a flush ran over her face, the wreath of roses round her head burst into a glorious white bloom, filling the vault with exquisite fragrance.

"For the sake of thy little babe he is pardoned," said the woman. Then she sank back into her coffin, the great book fell closed on her breast, the lid shut down with a clash, and the lamp went out.

"She has pardoned you!" she cried, as she saw the white face gleaming down on him.

The voice which replied was as soft as the gentle murmur of a summer breeze among the corn.

"You have done well in asking in behalf of an innocent child. In my life spared not innocence, and God sentenced me to wander rest, till in the name of an innocent child I could obtain release."

The skeleton knelt before the blessed sacrament, before which burned the sanctuary lamp.

"Glory be to God!" said the ghastly pair of fleshless arms, his jaws moved in prayer and thanksgiving.

The girl looked at him, kneeling in the glory of the moon, and a calm settled over the face, revealing it of all that was dreadful. Softyand almost imperceptibly he seemed to melt away, with the peaceful and beautiful expression on the uplifted countenance steadily brightening, and when the crowing of the cock rang out sharply through the night, all the Bone Man of Hostonic was a little heap of dust.

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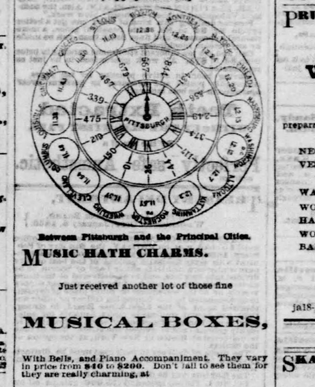

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The Daily Commercial

CITY MATTERS.

TYPHOID FEVER.—A number of cases of this disease, resembling fatality, have occurred in the vicinity of Butcher's Run, near Allegheny, within the past few weeks.

ALLEGHENY POLICE COMMITTEE.—The Police Committee of Allegheny Councils meet to-night, when, in conjunction with the Mayor, they will consider the police appointments for the coming year.

PUTTY AND VARNISH.—The Tennyson Club have secured the services of Josh Billings, the only acknowledged rival of Artemus Ward, who will speak his mind on "Putty and Varnish," on Saturday evening, at Masonic Hall. No reserved seats.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.—Before Hon. Edwin H. Stowe.

This Court met yesterday morning, when the jury in the case of Ellis & Son vs. the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, rendered a verdict in favor of plaintiff for $277 93. The Court then adjourned until Monday in February next.

REBOW HEBERLIN'S LECTURE TO-NIGHT.—Our readers will remember that Bishop Hopkins will deliver his lecture, entitled "Mystery," at Masonic Hall this evening. The Bishop is an able writer and speaker, and a rare literary treat is anticipated. The nature of this evening's lecture, Bishop Stevens, of Philadelphia, is to be present, and will preside, but whether he will speak we are not advised. To secure seats will require an early attendance.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM SUFFOCATION.—A few nights ago a gas pipe on Rebecca street, Allegheny, near the city line, bursted, and the gas which escaped impregnated the entire neighborhood. During the night the residence of Mr. Robert McGraw became filled with the noxious vapor, and the inmates narrowly escaped death. The breakage is in the pipe, which was occasioned by the intense cold, has been repaired.

IMPORTANT TO LOAFERS.—For months past, the residents of Allegheny have been much annoyed by a class of young men, who apparently have no useful employment to pursue, and spend their nights on the street corners, and at the Federal street station, criticising and insulting passers-by. Mayor Morrison, at the request of citizens, yesterday went after a stop to this practice, and the police have been instructed to arrest all persons hereafter found so offending.

PRINTING OFFICE FOR SALE.—Col. J. W. Bessell offers for sale the *American Standard* office, located in Uniontown, Fayette county, Pa. This is an excellent opportunity for an enterprising practical printer and publisher, or business man. There is a first class country job office attached to the newspaper establishment, which enjoys an excellent patronage. Col. Bessell is largely interested in the oil business, and for that reason is desirous of selling his printing establishment in order to give it his entire attention. See advertisement elsewhere.

DEATH FROM TETANUS.—A few days ago a young man named Joseph Lester, aged twenty-two years, who was employed at E. & J. Magginn's bakery, on Federal street, Allegheny, was caught in the arm by a cogwheel, and severely lacerated. He was removed to the residence of his brother, Mills alley, and a physician called in, who did not consider the injuries serious. The usual remedies were applied, and it was supposed for a short time that the injured arm was healing. Tetanus, or lock-jaw, however, ensued, and yesterday morning death put an end to the poor fellows sufferings.

SEASONABLE.—Messrs. D. DeHaven & Son proprietors of the "Keystone Foundry," announce in another column, that they are prepared to supply the public with cooking, parlor and heating stoves, ranges, grate fronts, fenders, iron bedsteads, iron fronts, iron railing, hollow ware, wagon boxes, &c. This firm is well known to the community, and persons entrusting it with orders may rely upon receiving satisfaction. Their stock of stoves is always full and complete, made of the best material, and in the most approved styles and patterns. The warehouse is at No. 47 Federal street, between Robinson and Isacock, Allegheny.

THE ROBBERIES AT THE POINT.—Lawrence Slick, who was arrested by the Mayor's police a few days since, on a charge of being a receiver of stolen goods, had a hearing before the Mayor yesterday, in the absence of the principal, the parties owning the property stolen, the case was postponed until Saturday. A large number of goods and iron found in Slick's house have been identified by proprietors of manufacturing establishments in the lower end of the First Ward. Slick is formerly engaged as a laborer on the Monongahela wharf, and bore a good reputation for honesty prior to the present exposure.

UNSUCCESSFUL MOVEMENT.—Some time since a meeting of the freeholders of East Liberty was called for the purpose of taking action towards having that village incorporated into a borough. A committee was appointed to inquire into the matter, and report as to the boundary line of the contemplated borough. An adjourned meeting was held on Tuesday evening last, and the report of the committee read, but as a majority of those present expressed themselves opposed to the measure, it is probable that the subject will be dropped for the present. East Liberty is a healthy and thriving village, but its inhabitants are not prepared to entail upon themselves the additional expense which would probably accrue in case the proposed borough was created.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—A German, named John Kerschner, was accidentally killed on Wednesday afternoon about four o'clock, while working at a well on the premises of James Shepherd & Co., glass manufacturers in East Birmingham. Kerschner, in the employ of the accident, was drawing up a bucket filled with clay, by means of a windlass, and after making three or four turns of the crank, the handle became disengaged, when the lever flew around with great force and struck him on the head. The unfortunate man was knocked into the well, and his body, a distance of thirty-five feet, killing him instantly. Another workman was in the well, but escaped unhurt. Coroner Clawson held the body yesterday morning, and a verdict of accidental death was rendered. The deceased resided on Penn street, East Birmingham, was forty years of age, and leaves a wife and two children to mourn his loss.

Another Bold Robbery.

A butcher named Stewart Hamilton, who resides near Snyder's Hollow, in McClure township, was robbed of four hundred dollars in money, and a check on the Allegheny Savings Bank for ninety-five dollars, on Tuesday last, under the following circumstances: Mr. Hamilton had been attending the Allegheny market, and while on his way to his home, stopped at Gray's tavern, near the drove yards, where he met a person to whom he was indebted ten dollars. He placed a handkerchief, which contained his money, upon a table, and selecting a ten dollar bill handed it to his creditor, who was in another part of the room. He then returned to the table, gathered up the money, and proceeded to his home, but upon his arrival discovered that the money and check were missing. On Wednesday morning he called at the Allegheny Savings Bank to notify the officers not to pay the check presented by himself, but when the cashier informed him that the check had already been paid, at the same time exhibiting it. Unfortunately the cashier is unable to describe the appearance of the person who presented the check at the counter. The police were notified of the robbery, and a search instituted for the thieves.

For the Commercial.

To the Ladies of Pittsburgh and Allegheny.

On the 6th of November, 1865, a meeting of ladies was held at Christ Church, Penn street, to hear statements from Dr. Parrish, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Dully, from Fortress Monroe, as to the necessities of the emancipated slaves. The signs of winter were approaching, and the freed people were not prepared for it. Food, clothing and shelter were all needed. The statements stirred the depths of woman's nature, and with promptness they formed a society to be called "The Woman's Freedmen's Society." The society heard the appeal and the response of the ladies of Pittsburgh, but the unanimity of the citizens owning the property stolen, the case was postponed until Saturday. A large number of goods and iron found in Slick's house have been identified by proprietors of manufacturing establishments in the lower end of the First Ward. Slick was formerly engaged as a laborer on the Monongahela wharf, and bore a good reputation for honesty prior to the present exposure.

The Society became auxiliary to "The Western Freedmen's Aid Society," and the two work together in perfect harmony. To the gentlemen seems to belong the important work of providing superintendents, teachers, and other educational advantages. The women's Society takes the humble, though not less important charge of providing clothing for the women and children, and suitable food and bedding for the needy sick. Appeals were sent to the neighboring counties with the hope that the ladies who were so kind to the soldiers would now remember the people those soldiers helped to free.

The neighboring town of Meadville has responded nobly to our call, and last week sent us two boxes, valued at $350, and cheer us with the words, "another box will soon be sent." We want the aid of all. This is a mighty work, and to our day and generation has it been given to do. Then help us, women of our country. A large portion of our sex have been disenthralled and raised from degradation and ruin. Help, ye little children. Think of the thousands of your age perishing for need of food and clothing. Then employ your little rifle and your little hands, let your willing hearts and hands swell the stream until it overflows, strengthening and comforting those who are perishing.

We ask for money, for new or old clothing, or anything to nourish or comfort the sick.

MRS. MAJOR WADE,
Corresponding Secretary Women's Aid Society.

Pittsburgh Female College.

The Society have purchased of flannel 687 yards; of unbleached muslin, 151 yards; woolen garments made for men, women and children, and distributed, 380; new large blankets, 25 pairs, they take pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of very valuable donations of very good second-hand clothing of all descriptions. Twenty-one hundred and four boxes of such have come from the ladies of our two cities.

The First Baptist church has presented four boxes of clothing, a donation has been received from the Sanitary Commission of Missouri and the Secretary's book:

PACKAGES OF CLOTHING RECEIVED.

December 9th.—Mrs. Samuel Richard, 1 package; Mrs. Putnam, 1 package; Mrs. N. K. Wade, one package.

December 11th.—Mrs. Marshall, 1 package; Mrs. Hamilton, 1 package; Mrs. Bryan, 1 do; Mrs. Irish, 1 do; Mrs. R. H. Palmer, 1 do; Mrs. Mollenhoff, one; Mrs. Byram, 1 do; Mrs. Pennock, 1 do; Mrs. Christian, 1 do.

December 18.—Mrs. Mary Fleming, West Deer township, 1 bbl. with clothing; Mrs. Thompson, 1 package; First U. P. Church, 1 do; First Presbyterian Church, 1 do; First Baptist Church, 2 do; patriotic society of colored people, 1 do.

January 2d.—Mrs. Dr. Lemoyne, 1 package; Mrs. Stewart, one clothing; Mrs. Mc. P. Church, 1 pkg; Mrs. Vankirk, 1 do; unknown friend, 1 do.

January 8.—Mrs. Jacobus, 1 package; Mrs. Wray, 1 do; A. Marshall, 1 do; Mrs. Harriot, 1 do; two friends, 2 boxes clothing; Mr. Bell, 6 bales; First Baptist Church, 1 box. Total, 4 boxes, 27 packages.

The Women's Aid Society holds its regular meeting on every Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Mozart Hall, Seventh street, and will be glad to have any friends of the cause meet them.

FOR THROAT DISEASES and affections of the chest, "*Brown's Bronchial Troches*," or Cough Lozenges, are of great value. In Coughs, Irritation of the Throat caused by colds, or Unusual Exertion of the vocal organs, in speaking in public, or singing, they produce the most immediate relief. The Troches have proved their efficacy.

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FINANCE AND TRADE.

PITTSBURGH GENERAL MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE DAILY COMMERCIAL,
FRIDAY, January 26, 1866.

Business remains dull and languid for some time, without any prospect of an immediate improvement. The receipts of produce were not large, the demand however, was limited. Prices, generally speaking, undergone no change. The weather was unpleasant for cold country operations, which no doubt retarded operations. Our river is again in fair navigable order, and business operations will soon be opened up to all points. The Brownsville packets resumed operations yesterday. This will be agreeable information to persons that reside along the towns between points. The first departure for Cincinnati was the Leni Leoti. She carried out a good trip. The fine Packet Nevada is announced for Cairo and St. Louis this day. The Columbia will load in turn for that point. The new steamer Rubicon is announced for New Orleans direct. Passengers and shipments can bear this in mind. The favorite packet Julia No. 2 will resume her trips in the Zanesville trade on Saturday. The Bayard will be found at the landing this morning. She will return to Parkersburg as soon. Several changes was to-day attended. This is as it should be. Let our merchants meet together and exchange opinions. We owe it to ourselves to see that it is properly attended. The dispatches received cannot fail to be of interest to a large class of merchants. Below will be found the sales that came under our notice.

SOMERTON MOLASSES.—The demand for this article is on the increase. The market contains a fair supply. We note sales of 70 bbls at 75@80c per gallon.

IRONS.—Have been inactive for some time. The sales were on a small scale at $4 50@5 00 per ton.

LIQUORS.—We continue to notice a fair trade with a good demand. Sales 600 pkgs, in lots, at 12c for Galena. The supply on hand is not large.

ASHES.—A continued firmness pervades the Asher market, with a steady demand for the various descriptions. Soda Ash—sales 15 tons common, 9c, and 10 tons refined, 9½c; sales Cream Pearls 12c.

CHEESE was in fair supply, with a good demand for home purposes. Sales 50 boxes (assen, 21@27½c; 20 boxes Hamburg, 21c; Western, 20c; Goshen, prices nominal.

HOMINY dull. Prices have further declined. We omit figures.

APPLES.—The supply in the market is limited. Prices tend upward. Holders demand $7@8, with sales of 80 bbls at these rates.

BEANS.—Have been inactive for some time. The sales were on a small scale at $1 30@2 00 per bush.

LIME